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Our File: CHMG-10
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1. Petition to Make Special
2. Declaration of Suresh C. Srivastava, Ph.D. in Support of Petition to Make Special
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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

Dear Sir:

The Applicant respectfully petitions that the above-referenced patent application be given special status and examined out of turn pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.102. In particular, the basis for this petition is that the invention relates to cancer. See the appended Declaration of Suresh C. Srivastava, Ph.D. in Support of Petition to Make Special. The fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(h) is included.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if that would assist in resolving any issues.

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Sir:

**DECLARATION OF SURESH C. SRIVASTAVA, PH.D. IN SUPPORT OF
PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL**

I, Suresh C. Srivastava, Ph.D., having an address at 7 Donald Road,
Burlington, MA 01803, am named as an inventor on the
above-identified patent application.

Cancer is often treated with antimetabolites, such as 2'-deoxy, 2', 2' difluorocytidine. In the application, we describe experimental data showing that the antimetabolite 2'-deoxy, 2', 2' difluorocytidine linked to certain oligonucleotides is much more effective in killing cancerous cells than the unlinked antimetabolite.

The experiment was carried out on cancerous colon cells. I believe that there is currently no cure for colon cancer.

I believe that my invention will likely significantly contribute to the treatment of cancer.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Suresh C. Srivastava, Ph.D.

Feb 19, 2005
Date